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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
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March 13, 2001

Re: The Chemical Recovery Systems Site, Elyria, Ohio  
General Notice of Potential Liability and Request for Information

Dear Ms. Sheppard-Johnson:

The Ohio Department of Transportation ("ODOT") is in receipt of the U.S. EPA's Notice and Request for Information sent March 2, 2001 for the above captioned site. Please allow this correspondence to signify our willingness to cooperate with U.S. EPA on this matter. I will be representing ODOT for the foreseeable future and will endeavor to acquire the information in the Notice as soon as practicable.

Please also allow this correspondence to act as a formal request for an extension to gather the information solicited in the Notice. As you may know, ODOT is a large state agency with many offices and points of operation. I have spoken with Thomas Nash, Assistant Regional Counsel, on this point and explained that the chemicals that may have been transported to the site could have easily come from one of ten separate ODOT offices in the region. I have already begun my search and inquiries with those offices but, in the interim, request that ODOT be given until April 23, 2001 to compile and submit the information requested.

Finally, I have conveyed to Mr. Nash our interest in cooperating and determining the extent of our liability, if any. Mr. Nash indicated he would send me copies of the manifests or "dirty inventory" lists that identify ODOT as a PRP. If your office has any more information that links ODOT with the site, please forward it to me at your earliest convenience as this will greatly facilitate gathering information on my end. If you have any questions, please contact me at the address or telephone number below.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Pannett", written over a horizontal line.

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